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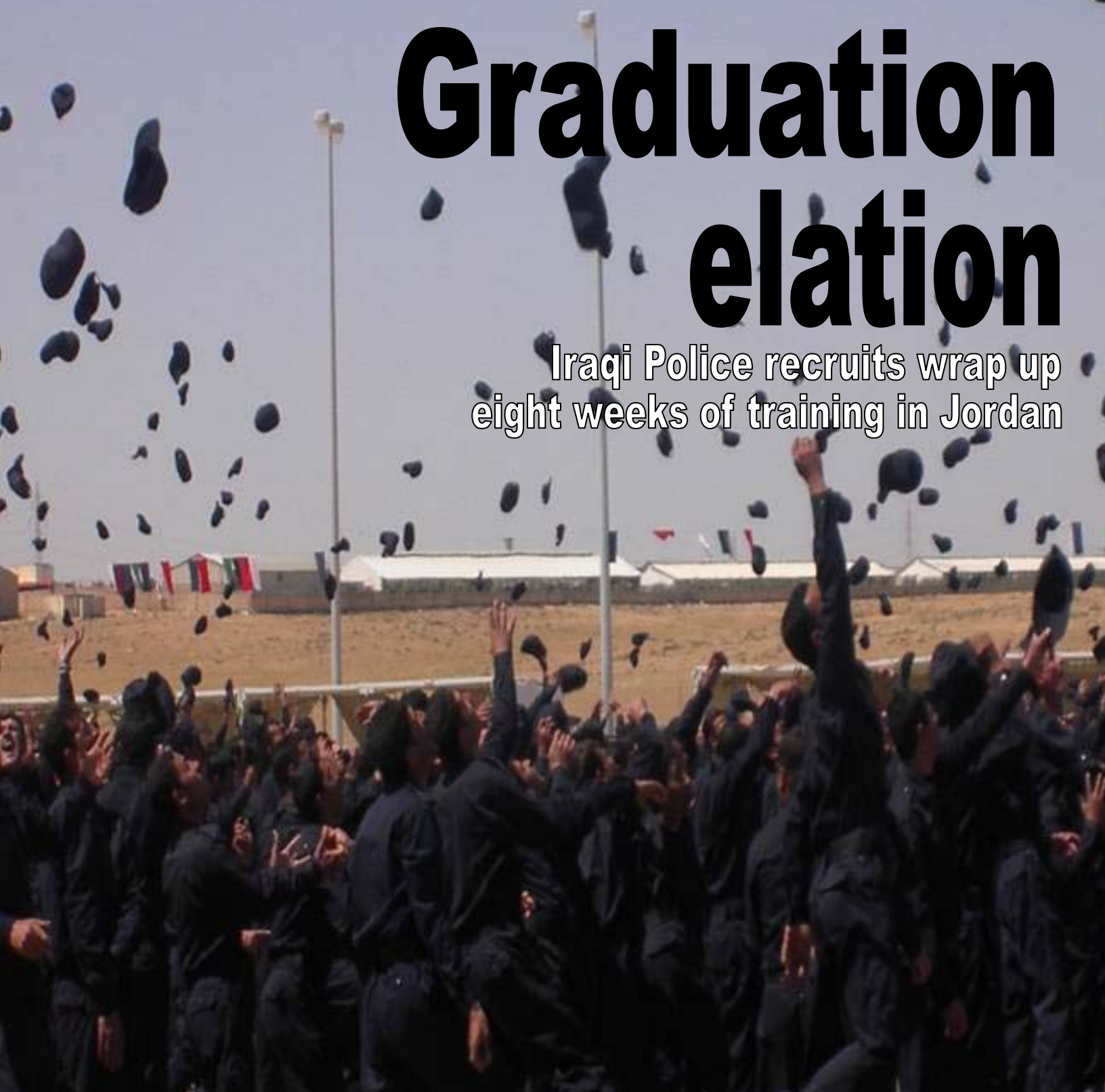
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Iraqi Police recruits wrap up  
eight weeks of training in Jordan



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**Cover: Iraqi Police recruits greeted their recent graduation from the Jordan International Police Training Center with elation. More than 1,500 recruits graduated from the eight-week course Aug. 27.**

Photo by Ann Bertucci

## ISF to provide most election security, with about 2,000 more U.S. troops

**By U.S. Army Sgt. Sara Woods**

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Iraqi Security Forces will provide the primary security for the Oct. 15 constitutional referendum and the December elections, a U.S. commander in Baghdad, Iraq, said Sept. 2.

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. John Vines, commander of Multi-National Corps Iraq, said in a news briefing that because Iraqis will be mainly responsible for security, U.S. forces in the area will be increased only by about 2,000 troops for the referendum and elections.

Vines said he expects insurgents to increase attacks as the referendum approaches, but Coalition and Iraqi forces will be prepared to defend the Iraqis' democratic process.

"Unfortunately, there are those who want to deprive them of the opportunity to determine their own destiny, and they'll use violence to do it," he said. "We'll do everything we can to create the conditions so Iraqis have the opportunity to be heard and make their own decisions."

Iraqi Security Forces continue to make progress in their training, Vines said, and they are closely partnered with Coalition units in all aspects of their operations.

"They work together, they plan together, and, in some cases, they fight together," he said.

On an average day, more than 30 combined operations are conducted throughout Iraq, and Coalition and Iraqi forces are making progress against the insurgents, Vines said. Ultimately, though, the freedom of Iraq is not going to be won by force, he said.

"The success of our endeavor here, in large measure, is not a military solution," he said. "It is a political solution, and it is one that must be achieved by the Iraqi people, the Iraqi Security Forces and the Iraqi government. We'll do everything we can to help create those conditions so they can and will succeed."

When considering the validity of the cause in Iraq, people need to remember how much progress has been made since U.S. forces have been there, Vines said. Iraq now has a sovereign government, a transitional assembly, a draft constitution and ministries of defense, electricity, oil, water and interior, he said. These accomplishments point to great success, he added, but do not mean the threat has diminished.

"We've been successful enough that some may think there's no longer a threat," he said. "I can assure you, there is. There are some evil people that wish to attack us."

The work of U.S. forces in Iraq and other parts of the world against those who wish to spread terror has increased the safety and defended the freedoms of all Americans, Vines said.

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress."

— Frederick Douglass (1817-1895)

# Iraqi police recruits graduate from Jordan training center

**By Ann Bertucci**

CPATT Public Affairs

**JORDAN** – In the desert near Amman is a newly-built police academy where 1,574 Iraqi police recruits marched to the sound of blaring bagpipes as they graduated from an eight-week basic training course Aug. 27.

The facility, the Jordan International Police Training Center (JIPTC), has produced 21,700 graduates since opening its doors in November 2003.

The concept to train Iraqi police in Jordan developed from a need to train and deploy large numbers of Iraqi Police personnel. To meet the requirement for new police officers, as well as to continue to provide training for existing officers, a coordinated training program with multiple training locations was developed. This aggressive training effort included a large-scale training operation in Jordan, designed to train about 16,000 new recruits a year.

When the first course of 500 students arrived, the sprawling 450-acre facility was far from ready. Students lived in temporary trailers crammed with bunk beds and lockers. Classes were conducted in warehouses where it was so difficult to hear, most people resorted to yelling. Food was catered in and served over several scheduled shifts due to space restraints.

In spite of the challenging conditions, no one complained. Steve Bennett, a retired U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant colonel now with the Department of Justice, was the first JIPTC director.

"We were in an accelerated stage due to the security situation in Iraq," Bennett said, explaining the rush to get the training started. "Everyone



Iraqi Police recruits march in formation at their Aug. 27 graduation from the Jordan International Police Training Center. The center has produced close to 22,000 graduates since it opened in November 2003. Recruits go through an eight-week basic training course.

Photo by Ann Bertucci

understood the importance of getting these police officers trained and on the streets of Iraq."

The first group of students consisted mainly of police recruits who had been enrolled at Baghdad's three-year police college when the war broke out. The students were sent home, but called back to join the new Iraqi Police after the hostilities ended. Those who returned quickly found themselves in Jordan being trained by a cadre of 12 Iraqi and 60 international police instructors. Because of their previous training, many of these first students were promoted to lieutenant following graduation.

gary, Slovenia, Austria, Slovakia, Belgium, Australia, Estonia, Croatia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

New classroom and accommodation buildings – some as long as football fields – have gone up and students now sleep dormitory style, with 80 per room. There is also a new dining facility that seats 1,500, where employees prepare and serve more than 12,000 meals per day.

Modifications have also been made to the program of instruction to increase the survivability of police officers facing an increasingly violent insurgency. From a 50-50 split between classroom and operational policing instruction, training now consists of 75 percent of a student's time spent on practical survival skills and realistic hands-on scenario training. The training modules include democratic policing, crime, terrorism, patrol procedures, firearms, defensive tactics, vehicle tactics and foot patrol tactics.



U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Joseph Fil, commander of the Multi-National Security Transition Command—Iraq's Civilian Police Assistance Training Team, reviews recruits with Iraqi officials.

Photo by Ann Bertucci

Today JIPTC has a student capacity of 3,500, with an instructor pool of nearly 300 trainers from 17 different countries to include Iraq, Jordan, Canada, Sweden, Czech Republic, Finland, Singapore, Hun-

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JIPTC also boasts a state-of-the-art Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center that houses a telephone center, barber shop, tailor, arts and crafts room, library, computer lab, prayer room, basketball court, weight room and an Advocacy and Counseling Center. Outdoor recreation areas include football fields and volleyball courts that get plenty of use by students preparing for the monthly "Sports Day" competition.



Students demonstrate some of the hands-on, reality-based scenario training they received at the Jordan International Police Training Center. An Aug. 27 graduation added more than 1,500 Iraqi Police recruits to the country's security forces.

Photo by Ann Bertucci

The Advocacy and Counseling Center plays a particularly important role in a facility where most of its students are away from home for the first time. Staffed with both Iraqi and international personnel, students are provided support mechanisms through group and individual sessions. An example of a group program is the "Open Dialogue" forum where small groups of students and a facilitator meet regularly to discuss issues of concern.

Homesickness is the most difficult part of being at the center, most students say, combined with concern for families back in Iraq. Some find it difficult to focus on training and go to the

Advocacy and Counseling Center requesting to be sent home. They are met there by Iraqi Capt. Hussein, an Iraqi police officer who recently arrived at JIPTC after previously working in cadet services at the Baghdad Police College.

"When a student comes in because he is feeling depressed or homesick, I counsel him," Hussein explained. "I tell him how important it is to finish his training so he can return to Iraq as a police officer. I try to keep him focused on his goals and stress how

important his job is to the citizens of Iraq. They understand what I am saying and most will decide to stay."

Statistics on attrition rates shows JIPTC at approximately 4 percent, about the same rate shown for police academies in Iraq.

Despite monumental growth over the last year, construction at JIPTC isn't finished. Following the Aug 25 graduation ceremony, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at the site of the new improvised explosive device (IED) field. It will be used to teach students how to recognize IEDs and survive against these deadly attacks. The field will be constructed to simu-

late Iraqi streets and checkpoints. Students will train in realistic scenarios involving roadside improvised explosive devices and vehicle bombs, including bicycles and motorcycles.

A full scale police station is also on the horizon. Once complete, this facility will be used to instruct police on how to operate and defend a station. Training will also include administrative issues such as scheduling, operating a dispatch center and conducting effective briefings.

During his remarks at the recent graduation ceremony, Iraqi Maj. Gen. Ali Ghalib, Iraqi Deputy Minister of Interior for Police Affairs, thanked the Iraqi and Jordanian governments and the Coalition for their efforts in establishing the Jordan training center.

"These graduates will add staying power to the Iraq Police who are fighting the terrorism that has gripped our country," he said. "They (the graduates) will return and serve the people of Iraq with honesty and integrity. I extend my thanks to everyone for their valuable service to the new Iraq, one of peace and security for all."

Bill Sieber, JIPTC director of training, wants to make sure the program stays in tune with what's going on in Iraq. He admits he worries about whether the training is staying abreast of insurgent tactics.

"But I'm convinced," Sieber added, "that these police officers can win this battle with crime and insurgency. They are capable of bringing peace and stability to the streets of Iraq."



U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Joseph Fil (far left) joins Iraqi Ministry of Interior and JIPTC officials in breaking ground for the center's new improvised explosive device field.

Photo by Ann Bertucci

# Fellow officers remember IPLO killed in suicide attack

**By U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Paul Tuttle**

MNSTC-I Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Officer Mike Dawes came to Iraq as an International Police Liaison Officer in March 2004. He was killed on Aug. 23 in a suicide bomber's attack on the Diyala Province Police Headquarters.

A memorial service was held Aug. 28 at DynCorp headquarters here in Baghdad. The conference room was filled with police officers and officials representing various agencies involved in the Iraqi effort.

Michael Heidingsfield, contingent commander of the State Department's civilian police advisory mission, spoke of the dedication and courage of the IPLOs and their duty to a country in the process of discovering their democracy.

Heidingsfield recalled that in a recent conversation with the commander of the Iraqi Highway Patrol, the commander told him that the Iraqi Highway Patrolmen were heroic in their efforts to serve their country.

"I replied that our people are also heroic because they came here by their own choice to make sure the laws of the land are obeyed," he said. "Officer Dawes is one of those heroes. He was a part of the brotherhood of U.S. police officers who serve around the world to make this a safer place to live."

Dawes had been a law enforcement officer in his home state of Oklahoma for 16 years. He was a Vietnam veteran who served with the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division from 1967 to 1969. One of his sons just recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq with the U.S. military.

He was a former Cherokee Nation Marshal and had been awarded the Cherokee Nation Patriot Medal. He completed two civilian police missions with DynCorp International in Kosovo prior to this mission in Iraq.

On Aug. 23 at about 1:30 p.m., Dawes was in a dining facility behind the Diyala Province Police

Headquarters. A suicide bomber walked in and detonated his bomb, killing Dawes and nine Iraqi Police officers. Another IPLO was wounded.

At the conclusion of the service, a lone piper marched solemnly through the hall, piping "Amazing Grace".



Michael Heidingsfield, contingent commander of the State Department's civilian police advisory mission, speaks at the memorial service for IPLO Mike Dawes who was killed in the line of duty by a suicide bomber Aug. 23.

Photo by U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Paul Tuttle

## Military Policemen help new sheriffs of the highway

**By U.S. Army Spc. Jeremy D. Crisp**

MNC-I Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The defined mission of the U.S. military police men and women serving in Iraq varies from unit to unit, section to section.

One group of Soldiers may concentrate on route security, another, detainee operations, and yet another may focus on the training and equipping of Iraqi Security Forces.

For the civil military operations section of the 18<sup>th</sup> Military Police Brigade from Mannheim, Germany, their focus is

the latter – the Iraqi Highway Patrol, a projected force of 6,300 policemen dedicated to keeping Iraq's thoroughfares safe.



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. David M. Crawford, 916th Military Police Company, Kentucky Army National Guard, moves a crate of ammunition clips with the help of an officer from the Iraqi Highway Patrol.

Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Jeremy D. Crisp.

"We've been tasked with literally everything when it comes to the IHP," said U.S. Maj. Andy T. Johnson, civil military operations office for the brigade. "Whether it's distributing hundreds of machine guns to the policemen, millions of rounds of ammunition, training, trucks, uniforms, even down to the generator needs of a particular IHP station, ... if you can imagine it, we've been involved in it."

The brigade has been working with the IHP since November, with Johnson's section ensuring the policemen have the supplies, equipment and training they need in order to succeed.

"Having the IHP is very important for Iraq," said Johnson. "The bad guys are using the highways to get out and move freely throughout Iraq, but the IHP is out there, busting smugglers and hijackers and spotting improvised explosive devices."

Since most commerce comes into Iraq via the highways, the MPs have worked to establish stations at intervals among the major roads, allowing for more police with less terrain to cover.

"There is hardly any sea, air, or rail-

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way travel for commerce throughout the country,” Johnson said. “That is why we have provided IHP stations up and down (the major highways). There have been seams in coverage along the roads, but these stations are allowing us to fill the gaps.”

And the gaps are being filled with the IHP on constant patrol throughout the country, working hand in hand with the MPs throughout different sectors of Iraq.

“We can judge how well the IHP is working out because the MPs they work with have a very close relationship with them,” Johnson said. “The MPs include the IHP in their patrol plan. They know that between such and such time, there will be an IHP patrol between checkpoint x and checkpoint y. It’s down to that level.”

Johnson doesn’t have to look far to prove the effectiveness of the work the MPs have done with the IHP. He sees them on the roads daily, and recently observed officers help resolve a close call on a mission Johnson was involved with.

“We saw the IHP out patrolling,” Johnson said. “On the way back, the IHP called in a report to me saying they had found an IED right on the road shortly after we had passed through. They had cordoned it off and they were doing all the right things to take care of the situation.”

As the MPs work to turn over the highways to the Iraqi police force designed to patrol them, an operating center for the IHP has been set up to help with their operations. The National Iraqi Highway Patrol Headquarters was completed with a grand opening ceremony Aug. 25.

Construction began in February, and the completed compound is stocked with computers, internet, air-conditioning and communications capable of transmitting to all stations throughout Iraq.



U.S. Army Maj. Andy T. Johnson (center), a civil military operations officer with the 18th Military Police Brigade, speaks with Iraqi Gen. Hussein (left) with the help of an interpreter at the new Iraqi Highway Patrol headquarters. Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Jeremy D. Crisp

“It’s a cleaner station,” said Iraqi Maj. Muhammed of the improved working conditions. “We can organize more than ever, with our work, our vehicles, everything.”

Muhammed, who acts as a liaison between Johnson and the top IHP General Officers, is quick to compliment the MPs on the support his station and fellow police officers have received. With more of the missions turning to the IHP, morale has jumped, Muhammed said.

“We feel good to get out there and do missions,” Muhammed said. “More missions and more patrols are better than letting the (policemen) sit without any work or any missions. They feel good about that.”

On the horizon for the MPs and IHPs is to continue construction to complete 18 more police stations, training 4,000 more policemen to complete the force, and assisting with logistical concerns, Johnson said.

“Our end goal is to make sure they have all the equipment, training, and facilities they need in which to conduct operations,” he said.



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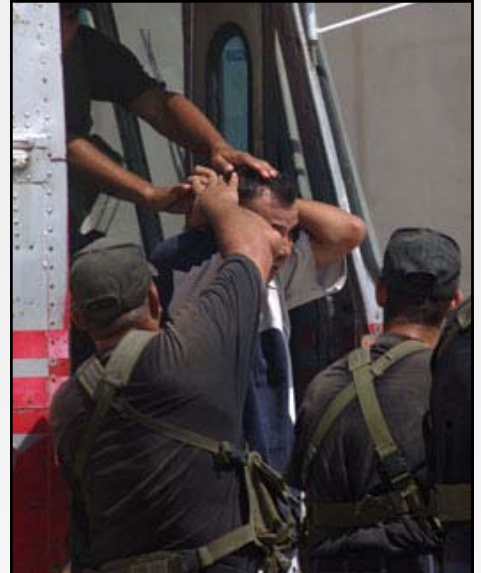
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## Incoming commander gets familiar with ISF training, bases and operations

U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin Dempsey, incoming commander of the Multi-National Security Transition Command - Iraq, toured several Iraqi military bases this week to meet leaders and soldiers, observe training, and become familiar with operations. A change of command ceremony is set for Sept. 8. (Above) Dempsey gets a close look at targets after a firing demonstration by Iraqi soldiers going through Emergency Response Unit training; (below middle and right) SWAT forces seize an insurgent from a bus in a mock arrest; (bottom right) ERU soldiers storm a building in a hostage rescue exercise; (bottom) Dignitary Protection Service soldiers demonstrate tactics under the cover of smoke grenades; (below left) Dempsey compliments the ERU soldiers for their demonstrations and thanks them for their service to Iraq. "I'm glad we're on the same side," Dempsey said.

Photos by U.S. Army Sgt. Lorie Jewell





# Iraqi Police graduate from first combat medic skills course

**By Ann Bertucci**

CPATT Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq – They are the first responders and they are under fire. But the Iraqi Police are fighting back to save lives, with a new Combat Medic Course.

The first class of 40 officers to complete the five-week course graduated Sept. 1.

The course focuses on first responder life-saving techniques including man-

aging airways, controlling bleeding and treating shock. Medical reports have shown that the leading cause of death for Iraqi police following an attack is due to bleeding and/or shock, and it is estimated that up to 50 percent of those lives could be saved with immediate medical intervention.

The students in the class are a mix of police officers, special police commandos, traffic police, and border enforcement officers who come from areas including Baghdad, Tikrit, Fallujah and Mosul.

The course is taught by U.S. Army Maj. Carmen Mercer, with assistance from Iraqi medics. The program of instruction is based on the U.S. Army medic course. Mercer believes that training the police as medics will bring a drastic reduction in deaths.

The course will now transition to a “train-the-trainers” phase that will allow the program to expand more quickly and reach a goal of having at least two trained medics in every police station and special police unit.



A student in the new Combat Medic Course practices giving an injection on an apple.

Photo by Ann Bertucci

One special police commando, who has survived attacks on several recent police operations, appreciates the course and its instructors.

“This training will make a big difference,” he said. “I believe I will be able to save lives with the knowledge I have gained.”

The Iraqi police who graduate the combat medic course will be easily recognized by a red crescent symbol they will wear on their uniforms.



A red crescent symbol will be worn by the combat medics on their police uniforms.

Photo by Ann Bertucci

## U.S. Soldiers train Iraqi Police in basic trauma care in Taji

**By U.S. Army Capt. David Hamilton**

550th Area Support Medical Company

TAJI, Iraq – “Nafiss and Nazif! Nafiss and Nazif!” – Arabic words for “breathing” and “bleeding” – are everyday terms for U.S. Army Col. John J. Lammie.

Lammie, a doctor from Fayetteville, N.C., leads a Basic Trauma Treatment course at the Al Taji Iraqi Police Station. A recent class included 20 police officers, who learned how to medically respond during emergencies from Lammie and other doctors, nurses and medics from the 550<sup>th</sup> Area Support Medical Company, Brigade Troops Battalion, Division Support Brigade.

The medics of the 550th ASMC—who deployed here from Fort Bragg, N.C., to support the 3rd Infantry Division—have teamed with 4th Platoon, 860th Military Police Company of the California Army National Guard. The MPs patrol with and mentor officers from four Iraqi police stations in the communities surrounding Camp Taji.

Along with conducting daily patrols to the stations, the MPs also have the mission of providing classes to the police officers on various subjects, including medical life-saving measures. The 550th ASMC medics seized the opportunity of the

daily visits to provide much-needed first aid and basic trauma training to the police officers, who are often first on the scene of terrorist attacks.

The training was recently conducted in 17 classes at the four police stations and one Iraqi police checkpoint. More than 170 Iraqi policemen learned basics such as airway control, rescue breathing, chest wound dressings, bleeding control, tourniquets, burn treatment, and transporting the wounded.

U.S. Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Ronald Leach, a physician assistant with the 550th, planned the final training event using a scenario exercise. Some of the police officers spread throughout the station, role-playing as casualties, while teams of three policemen each responded to their “wounded” partners, assessed their injuries and treated them.

“They were very enthusiastic,” said Leach. He said the police officers did a great job evaluating casualties and providing the proper care.

Leach said future training will include teaching the policemen how to transport casualties in police vehicles, as well as how to coordinate with local medical clinics to develop training relationships and access to ambulance services.



# C-130 crewmembers fly boy to receive heart surgery

**By U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips**

407th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

ALI BASE, Iraq – Although 8-year-old Baher looked happy and healthy, Iraqi and U.S. Air Force C-130 crewmembers knew his true condition when they gave him the ride of his life Aug. 22.

Baher and his mother, Afaf, were headed to New Orleans to repair a hole in his heart via a new program called Operation Mend a Heart.

"I was very happy to (be a part of the aircrew to) help him," said Iraqi Air Force navigator Atiya from Squadron 23 (Transport). His full name is not used for security reasons. Atiya was one of the C-130 crewmembers who flew Baher from Baghdad International Airport to Basra Air Station on the first leg of his journey.

Atiya has reason to sympathize.

"I have three boys myself," said Atiya, who held Baher on his lap to show him the airplane's control panel.

From Basra, soldiers from Humanitarian Operation Center Army Civil Affairs were waiting to whisk the family to Kuwait to obtain the proper visas and paperwork they would need for their ultimate destination – Tulane University and Hospital Clinic in New Orleans where Baher will receive surgery to correct his congenital heart defect.

The \$100,000 surgery, donated by Tulane, was facilitated through Operation Mend a Heart – a joint effort between Tulane, the U.S. military and Coalition forces. More than 10 different U.S. and Coalition military and civilian agencies are involved in the effort.

"Let's just say it's a network of inspired people," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Mark Matthews Sr., who helped coordinate the intra-theater airlift. While deployed to Southwest Asia in January from the 90th Regional Readiness Command at Camp Pike in Little Rock, Ark., he began dreaming of ways to help Iraqi children with heart problems.

Matthews knew about the Iraqi Air Force and heard it wanted to help. So even though he is back home, he helped smooth over the logistical bumps and get a hold of the right people to involve Squadron 23 Airmen.

Although the airlift portion of the Ali Base trip was short, it left a lasting impression.

"This was the first (advisory support team) mission that flew humanitarian airlift for their country," said U.S. Air Force Maj. Bob May, a Squadron 23 pilot instructor assigned to the 777th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron here.

"It was a great feeling being able to do this together with so many Iraqi crewmembers on board," he said. May was the co-pilot and an Iraqi officer piloted the aircraft.

At the end of the trip, U.S. crewmembers asked one of the Iraqis to translate their well-wishes to the mother and son.

"We asked the translator to tell them it was an honor for us to be able to help him," said May, who has a son the same age as Baher.

"When Baher and his mother were driving away, they were all big smiles," May said. "It's good to know you're making an impact and doing something good for

other people."

During the expected four-week recovery period after the surgery, an Iraqi professor at Tulane will host the mother and son. They are expected to return to Iraq sometime in October.

For many of those involved, the intense logistical coordination required is indicative of the lesser-known role the military plays in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"Many Americans do not realize that our military mission also includes humanitarian assistance, rebuilding communities and investing in the future," said Karen Troyer-Caraway, Operation Mend a Heart founder and TUHC vice president.

## Iraqi Air Force gives Army a lift

BAGHDAD – The Iraqi Air Force is conducting airlift operations in support of the Iraqi Army for the first time since it was reformed, according to multinational forces officials.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Air Transport Squadron delivered a battalion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Iraqi Army Division soldiers from Irbil to Tall Afar in three Iraqi C-130 Hercules aircraft Aug 28 and 29. The soldiers were repositioned to conduct counter insurgency operations in western Ninawah province.

On Sept. 3, the squadron flew 55 Iraqi soldiers from Baghdad International Airport to Basra for training in explosive ordnance disposal operations.



Baher, 8, waits with his mom, Afaf, aboard an Iraqi C-130 Hercules flown by a joint Iraq-U.S. crew to begin the first leg of a journey to New Orleans where Baher will receive heart surgery.

Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Brian Davids

# Iraqi Security Forces / In Brief

## Iraqi Special Forces detain 27 in raids

KUBAYSAH – Iraqi Special Operations Forces (ISOF) soldiers raided 14 different locations Aug. 25, detaining 27 suspected insurgents and numerous weapons and anti-Coalition materials.

On the same day, a six-day combined operation involving ISOF and 5<sup>th</sup> Iraqi Army Division soldiers ended in the Hornada area. During the operation, a suspected insurgent attacked soldiers with a hand grenade that did not explode; the suspect was detained. A search of the man's farm turned up a small amount of artillery boosters. At a Barwana area farm, soldiers found a large weapons cache that included several rifles, mortars and accessories, rocket-propelled grenades, materials to make improvised explosive devices and Al Qaeda propaganda. Two men were detained.

## Local citizens reap rewards

KIRKUK – Four Iraqi citizens con-

tacted Iraqi and Coalition forces Aug. 29 after witnessing a truck driver using a cellular telephone just as an improvised explosive device was detonated. The citizens stopped the truck and waited for help to arrive. They received a cash reward for their assistance. (Task Force Liberty Public Affairs)

## Iraqi Police graduate 174 from courses

BAGHDAD – The Iraqi Police Service graduated 175 police officers from advanced and specialty courses at the Adnan Training Facility Sept. 1 as part of the Iraqi government's ongoing effort to train its security forces.

The courses consist of Basic Criminal Investigations with 42 graduates, Interview and Interrogations with 15 graduates, Violent Crime Investigation with 29 graduates, Criminal Intelligence with 27 graduates and Election Security with 62 graduates.

The Basic Criminal Investigation course, designed to introduce participants to basic concepts of criminal investigation, covers topics such as

theft, burglary, arson, robbery, sexual offenses and homicide investigation. Students receive classroom instruction and hands-on training in fingerprinting, photography, tool marks and plaster casting techniques. To date, 2,457 police officers have completed this course.

The Interviews and Interrogations course covers advanced interview and interrogation techniques and includes instruction on the preservation and protection of human rights, and the importance of ethical behavior during interviews and interrogations. To date, 626 students have completed this course.

The Violent Crime Investigation course introduces participants to investigative techniques to be used in a variety of situations, but particularly in violent crimes including armed robbery, rape and murder. This course has graduated 638 students to date.

The Criminal Intelligence course provides training in the planning, collection, analysis and distribution of intelligence information. This course also equips participants with the ability to recognize trends that may have an impact on public safety and security. This course has graduated 416 students to date.

The Election Security course covers the responsibilities of the police to ensure peaceful elections. Potential threats and areas of concern are examined from the standpoint of security and protection of candidates and the voting public during the election period. To date, 446 officers have completed the course, which includes a train-the-trainers component to enable participants to serve as trainers in their respective police stations.

Officers who participated in these courses previously completed either an eight-week basic training course for new recruits or a three-week 'transitional integration program' course designed for police officers currently serving, who have received little or no basic training.

The police officers report back for continued duty at their respective stations immediately.





# Iraqi Security Forces / In Brief

## Iraqi civilian tips lead to weapons cache

BAGHDAD – Tips from Iraqi citizens led to the discovery by U.S. Soldiers of a weapons cache Aug. 23.

Soldiers of D Company, 172nd Infantry Regiment, Task Force 1-118th Field Artillery, 3rd Brigade heard small-arms fire near their position while conducting security operations north of Baghdad.

The Soldiers moved toward the sound of the gunfire but found a deserted fighting position that contained two mortar rounds, 12 mortar fuses and a 155mm artillery shell.

While the Soldiers searched the area, Iraqi civilians approached and said they knew where to find more weapons. The Soldiers found two 203mm rockets and two additional mortar rounds, based on the information provided by the Iraqi citizens. (Task Force Baghdad Public Affairs)

## Iraqi Security Forces conduct area sweep

FALLUJAH – Iraqi Army soldiers and Coalition forces conducted an area sweep, searching over 135 houses Aug. 28.

Soldiers with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force and elements of 1/6 U.S. Marines detained three suspected insurgents in the operation. One detainee was in possession of an AK-47 automatic rifle, while another was found with multiple Motorola battery chargers. Two computers were also seized. All three detainees were transported to a detention center for screening.

Elsewhere in Fallujah, officers with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Order Brigade detained two individuals for passing out anti-Coalition pamphlets, tapes, and CDs after curfew. The detainees were transferred to a holding facility for further questioning.

## Iraqi Army soldiers discover weapons

KIRKUK – Iraqi Army soldiers assigned to the K-1 airfield here discovered a cache three kilometers northwest of Forward Operating Base War-

rior Aug. 27.

The soldiers found 19 120mm artillery rockets, four Katusha rockets and one mortar tube. The munitions were transported to K-1.

## Raid leads to capture of five suspected AIF

BALAD – Iraqi Army soldiers and Coalition forces planned a targeted raid in search of anti-Iraq force operatives Aug. 27.

Soldiers with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Iraqi Army Division and elements of Task Force 5-7 concluded Operation War Paint Dakota which led

to the capture of five suspected insurgents. All five detainees were transported to a nearby forward operating base for questioning.

## IED builder and AIF financier captured

TIKRIT – Iraqi Army soldiers conducted a cordon and search in Khadasia, six kilometers north of Tikrit, in an effort to locate a known improvised explosive device manufacturer Aug. 28.

Soldiers with 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Iraqi Army Division detained 11 suspected insurgents during the search. Soldiers also found one AK-47 automatic rifle, two shotguns, one vehicle and a large sum of money. The main target of the search, an IED builder, was captured, along with an anti-Iraq force financier.

## Iraqi Army soldiers detain 12 suspects

HABBANIYAH – Iraqi Army soldiers and Coalition forces executed a cordon and search operation targeting several houses believed to be harboring anti-Iraq force operatives Aug. 28.

Soldiers with 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force and elements of 135 Engineers and Task Force 1-110 detained 12 suspected insurgents in the operation. In addition, three Iraqi Police vehicles and three civilian vehicles were seized by the soldiers. All 12 detainees and six vehicles were transported to Camp Habbaniyah for processing.

## Iraqi Army detains six suspected AIF

HIT – Iraqi Army soldiers and Coalition forces conducted a search of a building holding six suspected anti-Iraq force operatives Aug. 30.

Soldiers with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force and 3/25<sup>th</sup> U.S. Marines detained the six suspects and confiscated one 82mm projectile, one set of night vision goggles and various pieces of anti-Coalition propaganda. The suspects were transported to Camp Hit for questioning.

## Looking back

### One year ago in Iraq

President Bush on Sept. 2, 2004 outlined his vision for a second term, promising a nation bountiful at home and secure in the world by casting the country's future as a "valley below."

"Since 2001, Americans have been given hills to climb and found the strength to climb them," said Bush, opening his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention by evoking the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Now, because we have made the hard journey, we can see the valley below ... and nothing will hold us back," Bush said.

Hitting on taxes, jobs, education and health care, Bush, outlined a number of domestic initiatives that he said would allow "Americans to earn a better living, support your family and have a rewarding career."

That prosperity at home, he said, would be matched by a "future of safety and peace" because of U.S. determination to stand up to terrorism.

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## ISF nab terrorist, defuse bomb

BAGHDAD – Two incidents in Rusafa Aug. 28 showed the continuing success of Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) in their fight against terrorists.

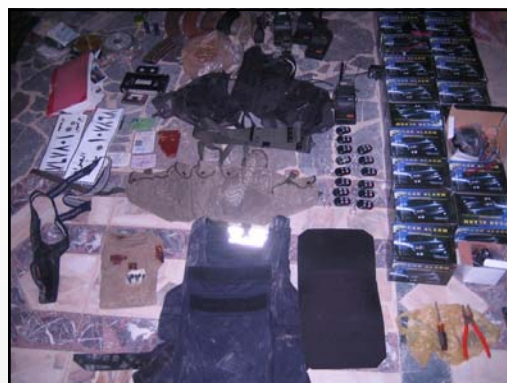
In the first incident, 1st Battalion, 2nd Iraqi Army Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division, captured a terrorist known for making and emplacing roadside bombs, as well as involvement in car bomb operations. The terrorist was discovered with remote detonation equipment and other bomb-making paraphernalia.

"The Iraqi Army Battalion developed the intelligence on this target," said U.S. Army Capt. Michael Dick, an adviser to the battalion. "They planned and executed the operation to detain him and disrupt car bomb operations in Baghdad. The performance of the ISF in this operation demonstrates their capability to conduct independent operations."

The second incident involved the discovery of a car bomb before it could be detonated. It was found by Iraqi Police

near a school and was loaded with rockets and anti-tank mines. An Iraqi explosive ordnance disposal team was called to the site of the car bomb and disabled the device before it could be detonated.

(2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade  
Combat Team Public Affairs)



A vest, remote-control devices and other bomb-making materials were seized when a known terrorist was captured Aug. 28.  
U.S. Army photo

## Police successful in counterattack

BAGHDAD – Iraqi Police Service officers assigned to the Al Yarmouk Patrol Station were attacked by anti-Iraq forces (AIF) while on patrol Aug. 28 and mounted a successful counterattack.

An unspecified number of officers were attacked on Al Rabeea Street with small arms fire. One police officer was killed and another injured in the initial attack. Police returned fire, killing five insurgents. Two insurgents were captured during the engagement.

A search of the vehicle used by the AIF led to the recovery of several

rocket-propelled grenades, rifles and ammunition. The suspects and weapons were transported to a secure facility for further investigation.

## Infiltrator detained

RAMADI – Iraqi troops detained a man claiming to be an Iraqi Police officer Sept. 2 as he attempted to get through a Ramadi entry control point.

Soldiers from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Iraqi Intervention Force were conducting security and observation activities when approached by the military-aged male. The man produced various forms of identification and attempted to bribe the troops to gain access. The man continued to

change stories, to include claiming to be a police officer. The suspect was taken into custody for further questioning.

## IED attack halted

KAHARA – A local Iraqi citizen reported seeing two men using a car to emplace improvised explosive devices Aug. 23. The citizen gave a detailed description of the vehicle and the men, which helped Coalition soldiers find and capture the suspects. The Soldiers confiscated three 130mm rounds and wire from the vehicle.  
(Task Force Liberty Public Affairs)

## Iraqi equipment roll-up

A look at some of the equipment delivered to the Iraqi Security Forces in the past week

AK-47s.....	480	GMC Blazers.....	25
Handguns.....	288	Chevy LUV.....	74
Body Armor.....	1,700	Cargo trucks.....	18
Computers.....	225	Excavators.....	11

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